APPENDIX I:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Cancel Claims 3 and 9, amend Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 6, and enter new Claims 12 to 22 as indicated in the following listing of the claims:

1. (*currently amended*) A choline ascorbate in form of crystals and having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 Å in a 2 Θ X-ray powder diffractogram.

2. (*currently amended*) ~~The~~ A choline ascorbate in form of crystals ~~as claimed in claim 1~~, wherein the crystals are free from water of crystallization.

3. (*canceled*)

4. (*currently amended*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim ~~3~~ 1, having an intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å of at least 0.5.

5. (*currently amended*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim ~~3~~ 4, having an intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å of at least 0.4.

6. (*currently amended*) A process for preparing choline ascorbate in form of crystals having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 Å in a 2 Θ X-ray powder diffractogram, which comprises reacting ascorbic acid with triethylamine and ethylene oxide, and carrying out the reaction in a temperature range from -10°C to 40°C.

7. (*previously presented*) The process of claim 6, which is carried out in a water-miscible organic solvent.

8. (*previously presented*) The process of claim 7, wherein the choline ascorbate is crystallized in the solvent used for the reaction.

9. (*canceled*)

10. (*previously presented*) Drugs comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.

11. (*previously presented*) Additives in foods, additives in animal feeds or food supplements comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.

12. (*new*) The process of claim 6, wherein ascorbic acid is reacted with triethylamine and ethylene oxide by adding ethylene oxide to a mixture comprising the ascorbic acid and the triethylamine.

13. (*new*) The process of claim 12, wherein gaseous ethylene oxide is added to the mixture comprising the ascorbic acid and the triethylamine.

14. (*new*) A choline ascorbate in form of anhydrous crystals having a melting point from 123.5 to 124.4°C or in the range from 123.5 to 124.4°C.

15. (*currently amended*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 2, having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and 4.55 Å which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 Å in a 2 Θ X-ray powder diffractogram.

16. (*new*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 2, having diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å which have an intensity ratio of at least 0.5.

17. (*new*) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 16, wherein the intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at d = 3.80 Å and d = 4.55 Å is at least 0.4.

18. (*new*) A process for preparing the choline ascorbate defined in claim 2, which comprises reacting ascorbic acid with triethylamine and ethylene oxide, and carrying out the reaction in a temperature range from -10°C to 40°C.

19. (*new*) The process of claim 18, which is carried out in a water-miscible organic solvent.

20. (*new*) The process of claim 19, wherein the choline ascorbate is crystallized in the solvent used for the reaction.

21. (*new*) A drug comprising the choline ascorbate crystals defined in claim 2.

22. (*new*) An additive in foods or in animal feeds or a food supplement comprising the choline ascorbate crystals defined in claim 2.